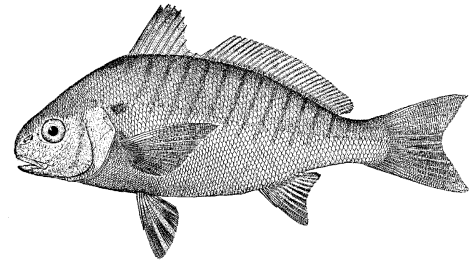


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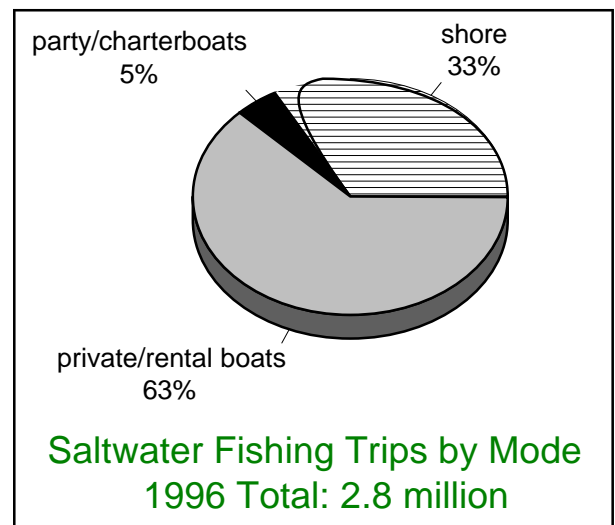
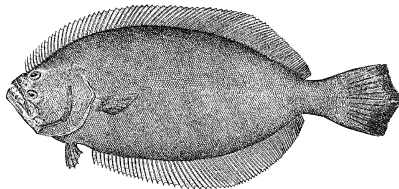
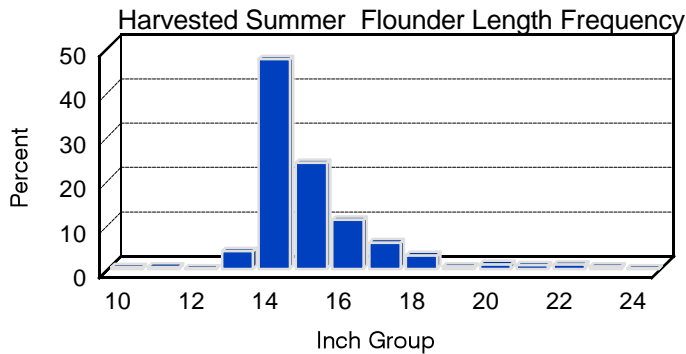
1996 Fact Sheet



Virginia



| Species | Number Harvested (thousands) | Pounds Harvested (thousands) | Number Released (thousands) |
|------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| ATLANTIC CROAKER | 5141 | 2778 | 5199 |
| SPOT | 1159 | 511 | 594 |
| SUMMER FLOUNDER | 1148 | 1426 | 3216 |
| BLACK SEA BASS | 925 | 823 | 1975 |
| STRIPED BASS | 235 | 1287 | 733 |



DID YOU KNOW?

- ➡ Nearly 501,000 anglers participated in Virginia's recreational saltwater fishery in 1996.
- ➡ Virginia anglers caught more Atlantic croaker than any other state in 1996.
- ➡ MRFSS field interviewers have identified 122 different species of fish caught in Virginia waters.
- ➡ Over 48,000 saltwater anglers have been interviewed at Virginia fishing sites since the MRFSS began in 1979.